

# Winter Water in

## From the City of Battle Creek

With Michigan's cold climate in mind, here are some helpful hints to prevent potential damage to your home, related to freezing water pipes and meters. These suggestions will go a long way to avoid the unexpected cost and inconvenience a freeze-up can cause. If these items freeze, they can stop the flow of your water, or burst and cause flooding.

### LOCATION

Check crawl spaces and basements where water lines are located. These areas should be clear of

### cold drafts

and should have heat access, so pipes and meters do not freeze. Open the door partway if your water meter is in a cabinet.

### HOSES

Once winter and cold temperatures arrive, remove hoses from your outside faucets, so they can drain as designed. Otherwise, this could

### freeze & flood

your basement.

### COLD AREAS

Look for water pipes and meters near windows or outside walls, and air leaks between your foundation and wood part of your home, where a draft could be cold enough to

### freeze the pipes.

### QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions, or find you have

### lost water

please call the city teams in Water Distribution, **269-966-3506** or Utility Billing, **269-966-3366**. After hours, call **269-966-3493**.

